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 Hongkong, January 4, 1894. 18

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 Hongkong, November 13, 1893. 955

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 Hongkong, January 4, 1894. 26

House to Let.

HOUSE TO LET.
 FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED.
STEWART TERRACE, PEAK.
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 Hongkong, January 2, 1894. 12

To Let.

THE PREMISES at QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, No. 72, presently occupied by the PATRICK MAIL and OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S.S. Co.
 Apply to
G. C. ANDERSON,
 13, PRAYA CENTRAL.
 Hongkong, January 5, 1894. 41

Mails.

STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
 Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.
 The Steamship **GANGES**, Capt. G. W. ATKINSON, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 18th January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. (This Steamer connects at Bombay with the S.S. **ORIENTAL**, which vessel takes on her cargo for LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL, leaving that port on the 10th FEBRUARY, 1894.)
 Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.
 Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.
 Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.
 For further Particulars, apply to,
H. E. JOSEPH,
 Superintendent.
 P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
 Hongkong, January 4, 1894. 20

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.
 Passenger Sailings from HONGKONG.
 (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
 Victoria..... Tuesday Jan. 23/94.
 Tacoma..... Tuesday Feb. 7/94.
 Moyn..... Tuesday Mar. 20/94.
 Victoria..... Tuesday April 10/94.
 The Steamship **VICTORIA**, Capt. J. Patton, R.N.R., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 23rd January, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and YACOMA, via HONGKONG, INLAND SEA, KOREA and TOKYO.
 Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.
 General Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of The Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.
 Freight must be sent to our Office with bills of lading in full by 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.
 For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, January 8, 1894. 17

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
 THE First Ordinary General Meeting of the above-named Company will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL, on SATURDAY, the 20th January, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 31st October, 1893.
 The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 20th, both days inclusive.
 By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. A. DUFF,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, January 6, 1894. 54

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE
 NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY General Meeting of the above-named Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 1, Duddell Street, at Noon, on MONDAY, the 22nd day of January, 1894, when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 5th January, 1894, will be submitted for Confirmation as Special Resolutions:
 1.—That the Liquidator be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to sell and transfer the whole of the Company's business and property to a New Company, to be incorporated with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance, 1865 to 1891, and to be named the New BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, with a Capital of £150,000 divided into 50,000 shares of £3 each, with the usual power to increase and reduce the same.
 2.—That the Draft Contract for sale submitted to this Meeting, and expressed to be made between this Company and the Liquidator of the one part, and the New BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, of the other part, be, and the same is hereby approved, and that the said Liquidator be, and he is hereby authorized, pursuant to Section 140 of the Companies Ordinance, 1865 to 1891, to enter into a Contract for the sale and transfer of this Company's business and property to the said New Company (when incorporated), for the consideration and upon the terms set forth in the said Draft, and to carry the said into effect with such (if any) modifications as he may think expedient.
CARL GEORG,
 Liquidator.
 Hongkong, January 6, 1894. 53

KOWLOON HOTEL.
 THIS HOTEL will be REMOVED on the 1st of JANUARY NEXT, to the PLEASANTLY SITUATED and COMMODIOUS Premises, formerly known as the "Kowloon Club," which will be thoroughly renovated and refurnished.
 MAGNIFICENT GARDEN and PROMENADE.
TENNIS LAWN.
BOWLING ALLEY.
BILLIARD SALOON.
 FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION for a limited number of Boarders, or arrangements can be made for a Bachelor's Mess.
 For Full Particulars, apply to the Office, VICTORIA HOTEL.
L. M. LOBO,
 Manager.
 Hongkong, December 20, 1893. 2180

WINDSOR HOUSE.
 THE Private Hotel heretofore carried on in WINDSOR HOUSE has now been removed to CONNAUGHT HOUSE.
 Outlets under European management. Each Bed-room has its own Bath-room. Hot and Cold water. Passenger Elevator on all floors.
 Charges from \$2 per day upwards. Special Rates for Families or Permanent Boarders. Offices and Rooms to let. Unfurnished, and Rooms with or without Board, by day or month. Apply at the Office, No. 37, 3rd Floor.
 Hongkong, August 23, 1892. 1834

FOR SALE.
JAPAN HAND-MADE PAPERS.
JAPAN PRINTING PAPERS.
JAPAN COPYING PAPERS.
JAPAN WALL PAPERS.
 &c., &c., &c.
PRICE VERY MODERATE.
 ORDERS to be respectfully received by the Undersigned.
MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA,
 8, Queen's Road Central.
 Hongkong, January 2, 1894. 1

NGAI SHANG,
 22, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.
BATTEN FURNITURE of Every Description.
 CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS, CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.
 Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.
 Katten Core, Split Latex, Canton Reed and Sundries of all kinds.
 Hongkong, November 17, 1893. 1887

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 Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silver-Platers, and Nautical & Scientific Instruments.
 VOYAGEUR'S ORIENTAL KINOCULARES and TELESCOPES. STERILIZED LIQUID and OTHER COMPASSES. ADAMANTINE & TRIMM CHAIRS. NAUTICAL BOOKS.
 English, Swiss & German-Plated Wares. Gold & Silver Jewellery in great variety.
DIA MONDS
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DIAMOND JEWELLERY.
 A Splendid Collection of the Latest London PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 142

To-day's Advertisements.

D'ARCO'S MARIONETTES and FANTOCHES FRANCAISES, WEST POINT.
LAST WEEK!
 OF THE OLDEST AND MOST POPULAR ORGANIZATION THAT HAS EVER VISITED THE FAR EAST.
SATURDAY EVENING NEXT TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), at 8.30.
RECHERCHES MATINEE DE LUXE.
 Under the Distinguished Patronage and Presence of H.E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G., and Lady ROBINSON, and the Elite of Hongkong.
 On which occasion half the receipts will be devoted to the **AID OF THE ALICE MEMORIAL** and the **NETHERSOL HOSPITALS.**
 The Troupe leave for Manila on or about the 22nd Instant.
 TIME AND PRICES AS USUAL.
 Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S.

NOTICE.
 As the Business Manager has left for Manila, those concerned will please take note that no accounts will be recognized unless bearing the Signature of Miss MARIE D'ARCO.
MESSRS. M. E. & N. D'ARCO, Sole Proprietors.
E. C. CLITHEROW, General Manager.
 Hongkong, January 16, 1894. 113

NOTICE TO MARINERS.
 No. 282.
CHINA S.S.A.
 THE Subjoined Notice to Mariners has been received from the ACTING COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS at FUSAN, COREA:
COREA.
NOTICE TO MARINERS.
 No. 6.
FUSAN DISTRICT.
 (LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 2.)
ROCK IN WILLES GULF.
 Captain BENJAMIN of the Korean S.S. **HYUNG HANG** has reported the discovery of a Rock not marked on the Chart, its position, as described by him, is hereby notified:
 "A Rock in Willes Gulf in Latitude 34° 45' N., Longitude 127° 47' 16" E., at low water on the 23rd November, at 1.30 p.m., about one foot above water. The North point of an island, name unknown, bearing N.W. by W. 1/2 W. The tide was very low this day, as Jupiter set the moon, and a gale from the N.W. was blowing at the time."
 Captain BENJAMIN believes that:
 "The Rock will not be very often uncovered. The name of the place is 'Chasoo Yung' in Fusan District."
 (Signed) **J. H. HUNT,**
 Acting Commissioner of Customs.
 B/O of the Chief Commissioner of Customs.
 Custom House, Fusan, 18th December, 1893.
 By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,
A. M. BISHOP,
 Coast Inspector.
 Imperial Maritime Customs, Coast Inspector's Office, Shanghai, 10th January, 1894. 111

TO LET.
 OFFICES and GODOWNS in "BAKE BUILDINGS," QUEEN'S ROAD, Nos. 16 to 20, lately occupied by Messrs. DODWELL, CARILL & Co.
 HOUSES at "BELLIOS TERRACE," Robinson Road.
 HOUSE, No. 24, "BAKE BUILDINGS," opposite "Hongkong Hotel."
 HOUSE, No. 21, SHELLEY STREET.
 HOUSE, No. 6, BONHAM ROAD (Pier Lodge).
 HOUSE, No. 6, 102 HOUSE STREET, lately occupied by Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
 GODOWNS in DODWELL STREET.
 Apply to
BELLIOS & Co.
 Hongkong, January 16, 1894. 114

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW.
 The Co.'s Steamship **Zephyr**, Captain GODDARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 18th Instant, at Daylight.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPEL & Co.,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, January 16, 1894. 112

Dr. FENWICK'S FOOD.
FOR NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS.
DIETETIC AND INVALIDS.
 IT is specially recommended as an article of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them, and at the same time enrich the natural milk and increase the supply.
 INFANTS fed on this Food put on flesh rapidly.
 In Two and sixpenny and One and sixpenny bottles at \$1.10 and 70 cents.
 AGENTS in HONGKONG:
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 LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.
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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Bremen & Ports of Call Hamburg and London	Prussen (s)..... Bullmouth (s).....	Norddeutscher Lloyd. Shewan & Co.	Feb. 5, at 3 p.m. About Jan. 23.
Japan.....	Ancona (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 18, daylight.
London & Ports of Call	Ganges (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 20.
London, v. Ports of Call	Kintok (s).....	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Jan. 17, daylight.
London, v. Suva & Clev Marseilles, v. Marseilles	Taiyuan (s)..... Manila (s).....	Butterfield & Swire. P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 20. About Jan. 20.
London, v. Marseilles	Bombay (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 20.
London and Hamburg	Carnarvonshire (s).....	Dodwell, Carill & Co.	Jan. 18, at noon.
Marseilles, v. Saigon	Natal (s).....	Messageries Maritimes	Jan. 24, at noon.
New York.....	Kenilworth (s).....	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
New York.....	Taiyuan (s).....	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
Port Darwin, &c.	Taiyuan (s).....	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Oceanic (s).....	O. & C. S. S. Co.	Feb. 1, daylight.
Shanghai.....	Clayton Rio del Norte (s).....	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Feb. 1, daylight.
Shanghai.....	MacMillan (s).....	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai.....	Canton (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 22.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yama	Argyll (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 22.
Singapore.....	Figge (s).....	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Quick despatch.
Singapore, Amoy & Fuzhou	Namoa (s).....	Shewan & Co.	About Jan. 23.
Singapore, Amoy & Fuzhou	Shanghai (s).....	Shewan & Co.	About Jan. 23.
Vancouver (B.C.) & Victoria (B.C.) &c.	Empress of China (s).....	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	Jan. 24, at noon.
Yokohama and Higo	Agila (s).....	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Jan. 17, at 4 p.m.
Yama, Kobe & Nankai	Narburg (s).....	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	About Jan. 18.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVAL.
 January 16:
 Albert, Norwegian steamer, from Canton.
 Nanyang, British str., 935, W. Nichol, Singapore January 6, General.—BUR MOO.
 Ching Ping, Chinese steamer, 524, Wm. Black, Clinking January 11, General.—O. E. & Co.
 Ganges, British steamer, 2,110, G. W. Atkinson, Singapore January 13, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 Canton, British steamer, 1,110, Thos. H. Sellar, Shanghai January 13, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
 Kwangtung, British steamer, 950, W. Innis, Wuhu January 10, Rice and Grain.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
 Telemachus, British steamer, 1,397, J. Barwise, Shanghai January 10, and Fochow 14, General.—BUTCHER & SWIN.
 Zephyr, British steamer, 675, A. W. R. Cobban, Manila January 12, General.—SHAW & Co.
 Jalkan, British steamer, 1,182, F. D. Godwin, Fenchow January 12, Amoy 13, and Swatow 15, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.
 Imacon, Norwegian barque, 577, L. Olsen, Rajahm (Borneo) Dec. 10, Timber.—MAXTON.
 Chinyen, Chinese steamer, 1,211, C. R. Nail, Shanghai January 11, and Wootung 12, General.—O. M. S. N. Co.
 Conch, British steamer, 2,014, Moses, Batoum Nov. 16, and Singapore January 1, Keeweenaw, BARNOLD, KARRER & Co.
 Taiwan, British steamer, 1,109, O. Anderson, Moji January 11, Coal.—BUTCHER & SWIN.
 Zephyr, British steamer, from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

January 16:
 Malacca, for Shanghai.
 Triumph, for Hongkong.
 Togo Maru, for Saigon.
 Tamboff, for Nagasaki.
 Nippon, for Shanghai.
 Emerald, for Manila.
 Fire King, for Bangkok.
 Queen, for Amoy.
 Ching Ping, for Canton.
 Kwangtung, for Canton.
 Canton, for Canton.
 Reina Cristina, Spanish cruiser, for Manila.
 Nanyang, for Swatow.
 Esperanza, for Samarang.
 Albert, for Shanghai.
 Frick, for Singapore and Hamburg.
 Hanoi, for Haiphong.
 For Nanyang, from Singapore, 413 Chinese.
 For Ganges, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Miss L. Miller, Mr. H. E. Shadforth, Mr. L. Fowler, child, and native servant; Mr. Tong Soy Cheo, 2 sons and 3 servants; Mr. Lo Ching Chan and native servant; Mr. George and native servant; 2 Chinese; Messrs. M. Matsumoto, T. Utsunoyama and Y. Natsushiki, for Colombo, Rev. J. K. Panoff, for Brindisi; Mr. H. S. Suvoong, and Rev. Y. K. Yen, for London; Miss A. Willmet, from Yokohama; for London; Mr. J. H. Balfour, from Hongkong; Mr. Per Telemachus, from Shanghai; Mr. and Mrs. Master and 2 children; Mr. Tan, Mrs. Tan, Miss Andrews, Mr. Cheong Kee Alum, and 100 Chinese.
 For Chinyen, from Shanghai, Mr. Ashinson, and 38 Chinese.
 For Malacca, from Shanghai, Dr. A. Hogg, Miss S. Annie, Miss Walker, and child; Miss Serrano and child; from Singapore, Mr. S. Nicholson.
 For Nippon, for Shanghai, 40 Chinese.
 For Emerald, for Manila, 15 Europeans, and 10 Chinese.
 For Queen, Gen. J. Jacob, for Amoy, 150 Chinese.
 To DEPART:
 For Nanyang, for Swatow, 300 Chinese.
 For Esperanza, for Samarang, 6 Chinese.
 For Frick, for Singapore, 3 Europeans, and 12 Chinese.
 For Zephyr, for Haiphong, 4 Europeans, and 12 Chinese.
SHIPPING REPORTS.
 The Chinese steamer **Ching Ping** reports: Fresh monsoon and fine weather throughout.
 The British steamer **Canton** reports: End the weather, with strong westerly wind, light breeze, and moderate to light N.E. and E. winds, and smooth sea.
 The British steamer **Kwangtung** reports: Had fresh northerly wind and fine weather throughout. Passed a S. Schooner off Lamooon.
 The British steamer **Telemachus** reports: Had light N.E. monsoon, and cloudy weather from leaving Hongkong.
 The British steamer **Zephyr** reports: Fresh to strong N.E. wind and light sea to Prata Strait; thence to port, moderate monsoon and overcast, gloomy weather.
 The British steamer **Haitan** reports: Fochow to Amoy, moderate to light N.E. breeze, smooth, clear weather. Amoy to Swatow, light to fresh N.E. breeze, smooth,

MEMORANDUM FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
 Daylight.—Nanyang leaves for Canton Ports.
 4 p.m.—Agila leaves for Japan.
 4 p.m.—Taiyuan leaves for Port Darwin.
 Telemachus leaves for London.

Auctions.
 Noon.—Auction of Opium at Messrs R. D. Sassoon & Co.'s Godowns.

Amusements.
 3.30 p.m.—D'Arco's Marionettes and Fantochees at West Point.
 9 p.m.—D'Arco's Marionettes and Fantochees at West Point.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, January 18:
 Noon.—Extraordinary Meeting of The Austin Arms Hotel & Building Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.
FRIDAY, January 19:
 Goods per Steamer **Oceanic** unclaimed after Noon subject to rent.
 Goods per **Chinyen** undelivered after this date subject to rent.
 Goods per **Position** undelivered after this date subject to rent.
 9 p.m.—Convocation of Victoria Chapter.
SATURDAY, January 20:
 Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Brick & Cement Co., Ltd., in the Company's Office.
 2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Wares, &c., at Mr. Geo. F. Laidlaw's, West Point Building Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 24th Instant, inclusive.
 Transfer Books of the Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 2nd Feb., inclusive.
MORAY, January 22:
 Noon.—Extraordinary Meeting of The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.
 Goods per **Agila** undelivered after this date subject to rent.
 8.45 p.m.—Meeting of Members of The Institution of Engineers & Shipbuilders, Hongkong, at No. 13, PRAYA CENTRAL.
 Transfer Books of The Kowloon Land & Building Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 23rd January, inclusive.

Exchange.

Hongkong, January 16, 1894.	
On London	2/3
Bank, Wires	2/3
" On demand	2/3
" 30 days' sight	2/3
" 4 months' sight	2/3
Credit, 60 days' sight	2/3
On Paris	2/3
On demand	2/3
Credit, 60 days' sight	2/3
On Berlin	2/3
On demand	2/3
Credit, 60 days' sight	2/3
On New York	57
On demand	57
Credit, 60 days' sight	57
On Bombay	181
On demand	181
Credit, 60 days' sight	181
On Calcutta	181
On demand	181
Credit, 60 days' sight	181
On Shanghai	72
On demand	72
Credit, 60 days' sight	72
30 days' sight, private paper	73
Gold Loan, 100 lbs. per case	\$45.20
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	\$ 6.69
Silver (per oz.)	\$142

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 FINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA, and other FRUIT JELLIES in great variety.
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 COLOURED OPALS mounted in Pinb, representing favourite subjects.
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 ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
 Hongkong, January 8, 1894. 53

DEATH.
 At Chinking, on the 13th of December, the wife of Genl. L. DAVENPORT, F.R.S., of the London Mission, of a Son, at Tientsin, on the 19th December, 1893, the wife of W. T. L. WAT, of a Son.

DEATH.
 At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 10th January, 1894, JOHN NEWCOMB, aged 49 years. Very deeply regretted.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.00 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1894.

In the letter by "Ratapayer," which appeared in our correspondence column yesterday, certain statements are made which amount to a very definite and very serious charge against certain officers of the Government employed in the Public Works Department. We are unable to say, with anything like certainty, whether these statements are absolutely correct, having no evidence before us which would warrant us in coming to that conclusion; but we have good reason for saying that they are substantially true. We quite recognize the fact that the statements referred to may be to some extent exaggerated, and we regret to say that it is not altogether impossible to conceive that our correspondent may have understated rather than overstated the extent of what may be called the fraud upon the community to which he calls attention. At all events, it is no secret to anyone who has lived in Hongkong for any considerable length of time, and who has given any attention to the operations of the Public Works Department, that the results of these operations are far from being commensurate with the expenditures which they involve. Why the Public Works Department should have to pay for any contractor for any particular piece of work 20 per cent. more than would be required from any private contractor is a question which, *prima facie*, must be a problem to most people. Our correspondent, however, offers what may be regarded as a solution of the problem. In a manner which is generally supposed to be peculiar to Scotsmen, he answers the important question by asking another. Further, he goes on better than the average Scotsman, by giving the answer before the question is put. We have always regarded an officer of the Public Works Department as a person whose fortune was practically made on the day he joined the service. It may be admitted, and we make the admission unhesitatingly, that times are not so good now for officials of the Public Works Department as they used to be. Our recollection of the "gentlemen" who honoured the colony by attaching themselves to that Department some years ago is that they were gentlemen who lived in princely luxury and who at the same time were able to pile up money and buy up property in a way that would make a Rothschild turn green with envy. At that time, the comparatively humble position of punkah-poolie in the Public Works Department was one to which any man of average intelligence and education might aspire. We do not know what was the exact percentage of overcharge which contractors made in these halcyon days, but we have no doubt that the rate has been considerably reduced now. The late Mr. Samuel Brown, while he was Surveyor General here, was generally understood to be most determinedly opposed to anything in the kind and nature of actions of his subordinates which might tend to give the general public the impression that officers of his Department, receiving somewhat modest salaries, were nevertheless able to clothe themselves in purple and fine linen and live sumptuously every day and to buy property at any time that they felt in the humour for it. He even put his foot down on the Christmas turkey and on various other kinds of feathered bipeds. He stamped firmly on the Christmas ham, and jumped on the annual Indian sugar-coated cake. No doubt his policy as regards the Christmas "coushaws" question has been carefully followed by Mr. Cooper, Mr. Brown's successor, but it would be to make the assertion that the general community has so far changed its mind as to place full confidence in the integrity of the officers of the Department.

The problem which our correspondent suggests should be submitted to the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, however, is one which would be somewhat hard to solve. It would be difficult for a committee to arrive at anything like a satisfactory conclusion with regard to the question: "How officials in the P.W.D. whose salaries range from \$1,200 to \$2,800 per annum can live at the rate of from \$3,000 to \$4,000." Indeed, it might safely be assumed that no evidence could be procured which would enable the committee to come to a decision on the question. Our correspondent is not alone in believing that for all Government work there is invariably twenty per cent. included in every tender more than for the same work for a private individual. We have heard the percentage of overcharge put at a much higher figure than that. It would be some satisfaction to the public if it could be truly ascertained that the work done by contractors for the Government is better than that done for private individuals; but it is hardly necessary to say that this is far from being the case. "Scalped" work is only too frequently seen in connection with Government contracts. Indeed, it must be pretty evident to everybody in the colony who has paid the slightest attention to the doings of the Public Works Department, that the "scalped" work is the rule, and the "straight" work is the exception. Our correspondent suggests the appointment of a Confidential Committee, with full power to inspect all documents and examine witnesses under oath. We fully agree

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Proposed sailings from Hongkong.
Oceania (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Honolulu)..... WEDNESDAY, Jan. 24, at daylight.
Gaul (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Honolulu)..... WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14, at daylight.
Asia (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Honolulu)..... THURSDAY, Mar. 15, at daylight.

THE Steamship OCEANIA will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via KAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, 24th January, at daylight, connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

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Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

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For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agents of the Company, No. 12, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, January 4, 1894.

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Proposed sailings from Hongkong.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Honolulu)..... THURSDAY, Feb. 1, at daylight.

City of Peking (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Honolulu)..... FRIDAY, Feb. 23, at daylight.

China (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Honolulu)..... WEDNESDAY, Mar. 7, at daylight.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via KAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at daylight, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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Hongkong, January 15, 1894.

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NOTICE.

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STEAM FOR.

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUÉZ, PORT SAÏD, MEDITERRANÉEN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ALSO.

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

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Contents and value of Packages are required.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, January 10, 1894.

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUÉZ, PORT SAÏD, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG.

PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS.

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